

REMARKS

Reconsideration and removal of the grounds for rejection are respectfully requested. Claims 1-15 were in the application, claims 1-15 have been cancelled and new claims 16-40 substituted therefore.

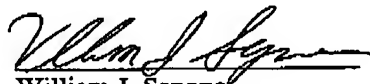
Claims 6-10 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite; claims 1-3 and 8-15 rejected over the cited art. However, claims 4 and 7 were considered allowable once the rejection for indefiniteness was addressed and these claims placed in independent form. By this amendment, claims 1-15 have been cancelled, rendering moot the rejections.

New independent claims 16 and 28 have been added which place claims 4 and 7 in independent form, respectively. Claims 17-27, and 29-40 repeat substantially the relevant original dependant claims 2-14. Each claim has been reviewed and revised as appropriate to remove grammatical errors and errors as to form. Consequently, claims 16-40 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

An authorization to charge deposit account no. 04-0838 for the additional claim fee is being submitted with this amendment.

Based on the above amendment and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. However should the examiner believe that direct contact with the applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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